

## Timely Tidbits ...

### Homecoming Wrap-up

Belleville and Romulus high schools have just wrapped up spirited Homecoming celebrations. For details, see page 5.

### Citizen Input Sought for Taylor Master Plan

The City of Taylor is inviting the public to attend a Master Plan Open House, to be held at City Hall (23555 Goddard) on Saturday, November 3, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Frederick Zorn Jr., executive director of the City of Taylor Office of Economic and Development Services, explained that City officials use a master plan as a guide in making land-use, development, zoning, and capital-improvement decisions.

"Public participation is critical to this process," he said. "Taylor is committed to reaching out to the entire community: residents and businesses."

According to Zorn, the master plan will identify and address a wide range of physical issues, including land use, population, housing, neighborhoods, community facilities, transportation, and natural resources. It will establish a series of goals and policies for the city.

The master plan process began when the City retained the consulting firm of LSL Planning and held three neighborhood meetings that attracted 200 participants in January and February 2007. At the meetings, LSL discussed the value of a master plan and how it is used. Participants selected several top priorities: parks and recreation; improvement in the quality of retail, restaurant, and entertainment development; and neighborhood improvements.

In June, two more public meetings were held at Heritage Park and at the William Ford Senior Activity Center.

Taylor's master plan was last revised in 1989.

For more information about the Master Plan process, visit Taylor's Web site ([www.cityoftaylor.com](http://www.cityoftaylor.com)) or contact the City of Taylor at 734-374-1376. □

## Special Cart Transports Fallen Military Heroes

The remains of fallen military heroes arriving at Detroit Metropolitan Airport are always treated with respect and dignity, says Airport Authority Public Affairs director Michael Conway, but the recent efforts of a group of American Airlines employees have taken that respect to a whole new level.

"These men and women created a beautiful military transportation cart – all on their own time," said Conway. "It's decorated with a moving illustration of an American eagle and emblems of all branches of the military."

"American Airlines didn't want any publicity for this, but we believe that the hard work, pride, and compassion exhibited by these employees should not go unnoticed," he added.

The initiators of the transportation cart project were AA fleet services crew chiefs Jimmy King and Lori Ahrenberg, who saw, in their union newsletter, an article about other AA stations undertaking similar projects.

According to King, prime "movers  
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This beautiful cart was created by American Airlines employees at Detroit Metro Airport to transport fallen military heroes. Photo by Jim Williams

## New Program Assists Home-buyers

A new program in the City of Taylor will assist anyone interested in buying a home. The Wayne County Home Consortium has partnered with National Faith HomeBuyers to present and manage the program, which will help families become financially stable home-owners. County officials are administering the program on behalf of the Home Consortium, of which Taylor is a member.

National Faith HomeBuyers was scheduled to kick off the initiative with an Information Session at 7 p.m. on October 18 at the Heritage Park Petting Farm, 12803 Pardee Road. Subsequent sessions will be held November 1 and 15. Program founder Dina Harris will answer questions and explain what National Faith HomeBuyers is all about.

Under the guidelines of the program, prospective home-buyers must complete a home-buyer educational program, as provided by the National Faith HomeBuyers. The program is set up to help home-buyers create wealth and take care of credit problems.

According to Harris, National Faith HomeBuyers has a track record of helping families become financially stable

home-owners. She designed the program to help people like herself: those who wanted to buy a home, but needed help getting it.

The program ran successfully in Ann Arbor, but soon outgrew its borders. In 2001, Harris took the model into the City of Detroit and Wayne County. Since then, Faith Community has counseled more than 7,000 families, leading to more than 1,000 first-time home purchases. The nonprofit agency offers financial literacy and credit education, home-owner workshops, housing counseling, down-payment assistance, wealth-building seminars, and a variety of other programs and services.

Frederick Zorn Jr., executive director of the City's Office of Economic and Development Services, said the Home Consortium consists of Taylor, Lincoln Park, and Livonia. Taylor's allocation of \$235,280 will be used for home-owner assistance for acquiring housing cooperatives, condominiums, and single-family homes.

For more information on National Faith HomeBuyers, visit the Web site: [www.nationalfaith.org](http://www.nationalfaith.org). □

## Rotary Announces Prize Winners

The Huron Township Rotary Club recently announced the winners of its annual Harley-Davidson® motorcycle raffle.

- First prize (2007 Harley-Davidson® Ultra Classic motorcycle) was won by Carl Oleski of Brighton, Michigan, who purchased his ticket (#10302) at the Plymouth Festival.
- Second prize (\$2000 cash) was won by Brandon Olson of Romulus, Michigan, who purchased his ticket (#20143) at the Huron Township Applefest.
- Third prize (\$1,000 cash) was won by Ron Gieson of Tecumseh, Michigan, who purchased his ticket (#14434) at the Clinton Festival.

Rotary spokesperson R.P. Lilly expressed his thanks to everyone who purchased tickets for the fund-raiser, which allows the club to offer student scholarships, support the school library, and help the local Goodfellows program. □



## Airports To Auction Unclaimed "Lost & Found" and Surplus Items

The Wayne County Airport Authority, operator of Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Willow Run Airport, will hold a public auction of its surplus equipment at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 20, at Martin's Towing & Sales, located at 17180 Dix-Toledo Highway near the intersection of Pennsylvania and Allen in Brownstown Township, Michigan.

On the auction block will be a variety of used goods no longer needed by the Airport Authority, including computers, bicycles, power tools, furniture, and used passenger and utility vehicles. The auction will also feature a wide variety of unclaimed "lost and found" items, including laptop computers, cell phones, MP3 players, sporting goods, digital cameras, housewares, jewelry, and more.

"Our airports regularly dispose of items that may still be of valuable use to

members of our community," said Lester Robinson, CEO of the Airport Authority. "Holding public auctions allows the airport to dispose of surplus and unclaimed property, generate some revenue, and reduce waste – all at the same time."

Saturday's auction will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Participants are advised that parking is limited, so interested bidders should arrive early to secure a parking space to register. A refundable deposit is required in order to bid.

Auction items will be available for viewing prior to the event on Friday, October 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and for one hour prior to the start of the auction on Saturday. Bidders are also welcome to register at the Friday preview to save time on the day of the auction.

For more details, contact Martin's Towing & Sales at 734-283-8003. □

## Cart Transports Fallen Military Heroes

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and shakers" for the project included Clyde Burt, Doug DeRosa, Ed Gorecki, Scott Gyulveszi, Dan Howard, John Mizwa, Carry O'Keefe, Dave Vrtachnik, and Jim Williams, but it took the support of the entire employee base to bring it to fruition.

"About 99% of our cart was built during employees' free time, but a lot of that free time was arranged by having one employee cover another one's shift,"

said King. "It took a lot of flexibility on everyone's part to finish the job, and they all deserve recognition."

King expressed special thanks to the local vendors whose donations made the project possible. They included:

- Accessories USA (Wayne), which also arranged for the work of local airbrush artist Dave Rousseau,
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- Home Depot (Canton), and
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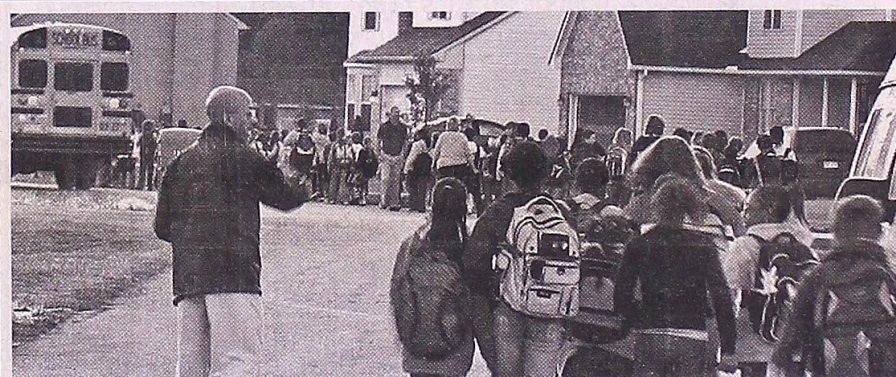


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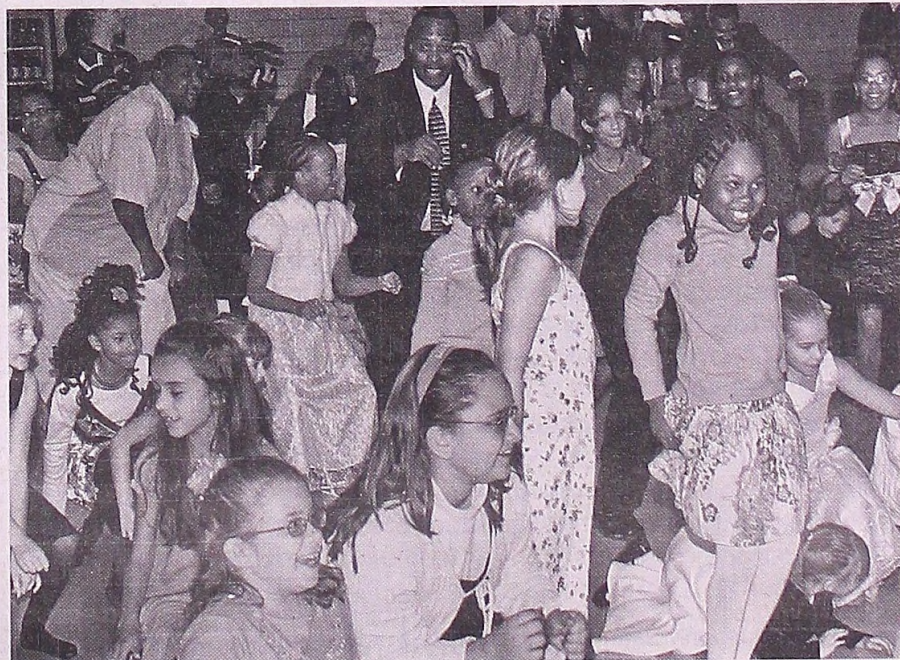
## 'Moving' Events



More than 250 people took part in an October 7 Crop Walk to raise money for the hungry. Belleville High School National Honor Society members joined 10 area churches (Belleville Church of God, Belleville Presbyterian, Community United Methodist, Faith United Methodist, First United Methodist, Mt. Herman Missionary Baptist, Open Arms Lutheran, St. Aloysius Catholic, St. Anthony's Catholic, and Trinity Episcopal) for the 4.5-mile walk, which is expected to raise between \$25,000 and \$30,000.



On October 4, more than 125 fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-grade students from Barth Elementary rode their buses to a neighborhood subdivision, then got out and walked the remaining half mile to school, in recognition of International Walk to School Month — a program supported by people from 42 countries around the world. IWTSM fosters awareness of the benefits of physical activity and protecting the environment, according to Barth physical-education teacher Sheila Stasak.



The Romulus Recreation Department's always popular Daddy-Daughter Dance drew 139 couples for an evening of family fun.



## Community Calendar

- **Romulus Wrestling Club** – The Romulus Wrestling Club – open to ages five through adult – is seeking new members. The group meets in the wrestling room at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. All three styles of wrestling (Greco-Roman, folkstyle, and freestyle) will be covered. For more information, call Coach Jeff Kelsey (734-502-9382) or Coach Kevin Cox (313-483-2699).
- **Rummage Sale** – Whispering Willows Co-op (Wayne Road south of Goddard, Romulus) will host its annual rummage sale on Thursday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday, October 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, October 20, from 9 a.m. to noon.
- **Book Discussion Group** – Join the Taylor Community Library's book club for relaxed discussion and light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. one Wednesday each month. Titles selected for future meetings include ***A Stronger Kinship: One Town's Extraordinary Story of Hope and Faith*** by Anna-Lisa Cox (October 24). The library is located at 12303 Pardee. Call 734-287-4840.
- **Haunted Hayride** – Brownstown Professional Firefighters Union Local 4112 and the Brownstown Goodfellows are offering haunted hayrides at Lake Erie Metropark (32481 West Jefferson) on Friday, October 26, and Saturday, October 27, from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets (\$7) will be sold at the wave pool concession building. For more information, call Dave at 734-775-2636.
- **Halloween Weekend at Cedar Point** – The Romulus Recreation Department is offering a trip to Cedar Point on Saturday, October 27. Bus will depart from the Recreation Center (11189 Shook Road) promptly at 2 p.m., and will return approximately 12 hours later. Ages 14 and up with parental permission slips may attend without a guardian; children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$55. Sign up by October 19 at 6 p.m. Call 734-941-8665.
- **Halloween Crafts** – The Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, south of Goddard) will host a Halloween craft class for preschool- and elementary-age children on Saturday, October 27, at 10:30 a.m. Although the program is free, advance registration is required. Call 734-942-7589.
- **Itch to Stitch** – The knitting group "Itch to Stitch" brings beginners together with people experienced in the craft to share ideas, tips, patterns, and instruction. The next meeting will be held at the Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee) on Tuesday, October 30.
- **Blood Drive** – Health Occupations students at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) will host a blood drive in school gymnasium on Friday, November 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and have no tattoos less than a year old. Pregnant women are not eligible. Donors should eat a good breakfast and drink plenty of fluids before arrival. For more information, call instructor Terri Brinston at 734-532-1112 or e-mail her at [brinstot@romulus.k12.mi.us](mailto:brinstot@romulus.k12.mi.us).
- **Craft Sale** – Residents of Rudgate West (located on Ecorse Road, a quarter mile east of I-275 in Romulus) will hold their third annual craft sale in the Rudgate clubhouse on Saturday, November 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Toys for Tots** – Help the Marine Corps with its Toys for Tots program by bringing a new, unwrapped toy to the Taylor Trade Center (22525 Ecorse Road) on Wednesday, November 7, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Coffee, donuts, and cookies will be available. For information, call Diane (313-295-6901) or Dennis and Mary (734-756-1417).
- **Country Music Artist Impersonators** – The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary of Post #200 (11800 Michael Street, Taylor) is hosting a country-music show featuring Toby Keith, Garth Brooks, Shania Twain, and Faith Hill impersonators on Friday, November 9, from 7 to 11 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets (\$15 per person or two for \$25) include snacks, beer, and setups. For advance tickets, call Diana Schafer (313-673-6911) or Annie Kulman (313-404-0717).
- **"Second Monday" Book Club** – Meetings of the Romulus Public Library's Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Advance registration is not required; just read the suggested book, then drop in. Books planned for discussion include ***On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*** by Stephen King (November 12). For more information, call 734-942-7589.

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# Belleville, Romulus High Schools Enjoy Spirited Homecomings



**Belleville High School's Homecoming Court: (from left) Stacy Porzondek, Kendall Acho, Lacey Marcotte, "Queen" Adriana Burt, Chelsea Hardrick, Courtney Gibbs, Bailey Hall, and Lauren Yoskovich.**

Belleville and Romulus high schools enjoyed their annual Homecoming celebrations despite losses to Allen Park and Ypsilanti, respectively.

BHS Homecoming Week (October 8-13) featured a number of spirit activities. Dress-up days brought students to school attired for various themes, including "Not Quite Ready for the Ball" (aka "Wacky-Tacky" Day), "Dress Like Your Grandparents," "What I'll Look Like in 10 Years," "Mardi Gras," and "Black-and-Orange (school colors)." Highlights of the pep assembly included tug-of-war, chariot race, and spaghetti-/chili-

eating contests.

Among the stand-out entries in Friday's parade was the junior class float, which won this year's float competition.

The senior class took the coveted Spirit Jug, which was awarded during the football game's halftime festivities. Homecoming Queen Adriana Burt was crowned then, as well.

The annual Homecoming Dance – based on this year's theme of "Masquerade Around the World," was held at BHS on Saturday.

Romulus High School's Homecoming Week (October 1-6) also featured

various spirit events. Dress-up day themes included "Crazy Hair," "Senior Citizen," "Twins," "Nerd," and "Maroon-and-White (school colors)." Pep assembly competitions included "chicken for launch" (in which students launched rubber chickens into the air and caught them with fishing nets), human pyramid, musical chairs, and pudding eating.

Friday's parade was led by Grand Marshal Bonnie Bossidis, a well-loved Romulus Community Schools employee who retired last year. The former support staff member rode in style thanks to Don Massey Cadillac's generous loan

of a beautiful Escalade. In keeping with this year's "Above the City Lights" Homecoming theme, class float entries represented Detroit (freshmen), Hollywood (sophomores), San Francisco (juniors), and Honolulu (seniors).

The especially enthusiastic senior class won both the float competition and the Spirit Jug, which was awarded during the football game's halftime ceremonies. Additional highlights included the crowning of Homecoming King Darryl White and Queen Jennifer Johnson.

A sold-out dance, held at RHS, wrapped up the week's activities. □



**Romulus High School's Homecoming Court: (from left) Chelsea Earby, Dominique Buckley, Tia Hall, "King" Darryl White, "Queen" Jennifer Johnson, Alfonso Garcia, Brittney Heil, Charles Webb, and Rebecca Lewkowicz. (Not pictured: Kyle Sherwood.) Photo by Mark and Michael Lewkowicz.**



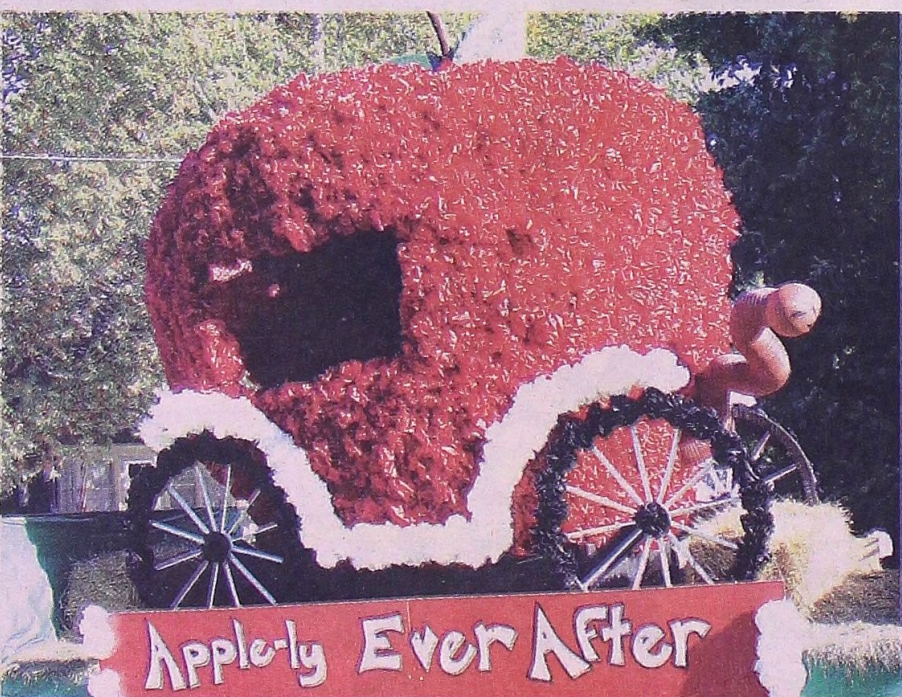
## Around the Area



Among those attending an October 3 ribbon-cutting for the Fairfield Inn in Romulus were: (from left) Romulus City Councilman LeRoy Burcroff, 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley, Councilmen John Barden and Bill Wadsworth, Wayne County CEO Robert Ficano, Councilman Harry Crout, Fairfield Inn proprietor Mike Koza, Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert, and Romulus City Clerk Linda Choate.



(From left) Showing off their fitness charts are Apple Jack Healthy Living Club members Ticora Harris, Jada Street, Julie Littler, Kiara Thompson, Tiara Perry, and Jasmine Harmon, who meet with instructor Trisha Street twice a week at the Romulus Recreation Center to learn about incorporating exercise and smart food choices into their lifestyles. Call 734-941-8665 for information about registering for the upcoming winter session.



The eighth-grade class at St. Stephen School in New Boston built this colorful float, which won a blue ribbon in the Huron Township Applefest Parade, held October 6.

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## Taylor Fall Fest



The annual City of Taylor Fall Fest, held at Heritage Park on October 6, featured plenty of seasonal attractions, including hayrides.



Two-year-old Mia Hool of Allen Park was one of many youngsters who got her face painted.



Taylor resident Alexis Dixon, age five, was transformed into a very beautiful butterfly.

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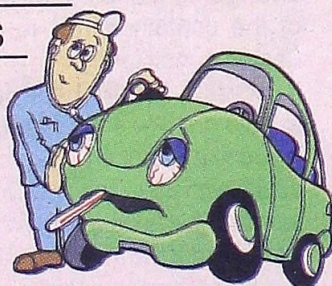
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Maria Serrano and her children, Christopher and Nicole, enjoyed the pumpkin-decorating activity.



# Make It with Michelle

## Bring Autumn's Colors Indoors with a Silk Floral Arrangement

By Michelle Major

This month's project is a silk fall floral design. I learned how to arrange flowers about three years ago, when I tried out for the position of seasonal helper for the floral designer at the arts & crafts store where I worked. I can't say that my first arrangement was very good, but the designer thought I had some potential and chose me. She had over 25 years of experience, and I learned a lot from her. After peak season was over, I went on to be the designer at another store and further developed my skills.

This project features a very basic "structured" design. It will teach you about form, texture, and the foundations on which most designs are built.

### Supplies/Tools List:

(See figure #1.)

- floral foam
- wire cutters
- knife
- floral tape
- hot glue gun and glue sticks
- picks
- scissors
- container
- various flowers and greenery

Other items you may want to have on hand would be moss, greening pins (floral pins that are shaped like a "U"), floral adhesive clay, and waterproof tape.

### Directions:

**Step #1** – Start by cutting the foam (it cuts easily with any knife) to the shape of your container, then hot-gluing it in. The top of the foam should be about 1/4" to 1/2" below the container's rim. (See figure #2.)

If the container is a special one, and you don't want to glue the foam on permanently, you can use the adhesive clay and the waterproof tape to hold the foam in the container. Put the clay in the bottom of the container and use the waterproof tape across the top, allowing about an inch of tape to extend over the edge of the container in both directions, like a plus sign (+).

**Step #2** – Now you are ready to start placing your flowers. A good "rule of thumb" for arrangements is that your flower height should be no more than one and a half times the height of your container.

Cut your main flower stem to the desired height and put it in the center of the foam. Note that the shape of a triangle is important in this design. Cut four more flowers slightly shorter than your first one, and place them (equally spaced) around the container. You'll know you have them placed correctly if you can see that, from the center flower to any two other flowers, the shape of a



figure #1

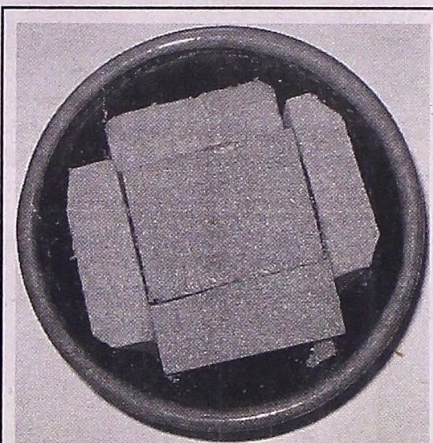


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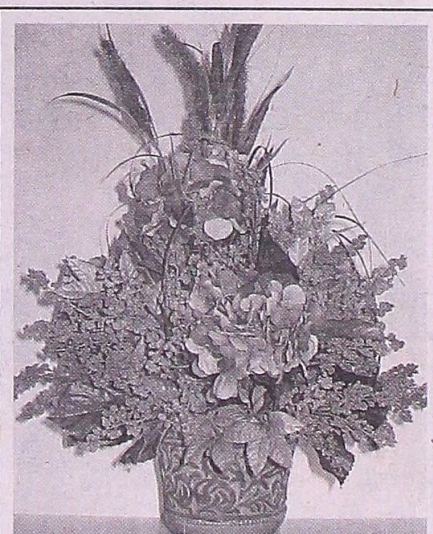


figure #4

triangle is formed. (See figure #3.) Alternatively, if you look down on the arrangement from the top, the flowers will form the shape of the number five on a die.

**Step #3** – You can now begin placing your "filler" flowers in and about the main flowers. You can make them all the same length to create a "roundy moundy" look, or you can vary the lengths of the filler materials to give some variety and depth to your design.

Next, I added leaves for more texture and dimension. I like to cover the edge of the container and carry some of the flowers and/or leaves down the sides just a little. I think it "breaks" the line that the top of the container makes, and allows your piece to look as though the container and flowers are all one.

Finally, I added a little grass to the top of the arrangement. I always curl some of the leaves to add a little "movement" to the design. This is easily done by putting the blade of grass between your thumb and your scissors, and pulling it through just like you do when you wrap a package with curling ribbon.

You're done! (See figure #4.)

### Additional Tips:

- Work with an odd number of flowers.
- Use a larger "focal" flower, smaller flowers, and greenery/filler.
- At least one of the flowers in the arrangement should have the color of the container in it to give your design consistency.
- If using silk flowers, bend your stems to give the flowers a natural look.
- If you like, you can use picks (wood sticks with wire) to make your stems longer. This is done by wrapping the wire around the stem, and then using the floral tape to secure it and conceal the wire. The floral tape sticks to itself when you pull and wrap at the same time. (This only works with silk flowers; if you cut the stem of a fresh flower too short, you can't fix it.)
- Use moss to cover your foam. I was taught that, if you can't see the foam when you're done with the arrangement, you don't need the moss... but the floral design police aren't going to come and arrest you if you do.
- Greening pins help hold moss in place and give some additional stability when attaching two pieces of foam together with hot glue.
- Containers are only limited to your imagination. I've seen old work boots used as a container, and the outcome was beautiful!

Next month's craft will be a two-tiered serving dish. Combine it with your new floral arrangement for your nicest holiday table ever! □

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Single tickets will be available at the door for \$7. For further information, contact the A<sup>2</sup>SO at 220 East Huron, Suite 470, Ann Arbor, MI 48104; phone 734-994-4801; or send an e-mail to a2so@a2so.com.

## Brownstown

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### Flu Shots

The Oakwood Healthcare System will be giving flu and pneumonia shots at the Brownstown Community Center on Monday, October 29, between 9 a.m. and noon.

Cost for those without Medicare Part "B" is \$25 for the flu shot and \$35 for the pneumonia shot.

Only a limited amount of vaccine is available, so call the Center to register early!

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Meals on Wheels program. For more information, call Karen Wright at 734-675-0920.

### Exercise Classes

The next eight-week session of Arthritis Foundation nonimpact exercise classes will begin Monday, November 5. Chairs will be provided for those who need them.

Space is limited, so be sure to sign up early!

### Computer Classes

The Center offers computer classes (Introduction to Computers, Introduction to Microsoft Word, and Intermediate Microsoft Word) that meet twice a week for three weeks.

Cost for each is \$40.

### Pleasure Seekers

The Pleasure Seekers senior club (open to ages 55 and older) meets at the Center at 1 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month. The club regularly hosts dances and other events.

Annual dues are \$10. For a membership application, see Helen St. Louis, treasurer, during one of the group's regular meetings.

### Halloween Dinner Dance

The next monthly dinner dance will be a Halloween party, to be held on Thursday, October 25. Purchase tickets at the Recreation Department.

### Potluck/Game Night

The Center's next Potluck/Game Night will be held on Monday, October 22, at 5 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and a \$.50 donation, or come without a dish and pay a \$3 donation. (The Center provides a meat dish and beverages.)

Sign up in advance at the recreation desk.

### Other Regular Events

Regular programs offered by the Center include:

- Travel Club (second Mondays, 10:30 a.m.),
- card-playing (Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- basic quilting (Wednesdays, 9 a.m.),
- bowling (Fridays, 1 p.m., Flat Rock Lanes),
- exercise (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 a.m.), and
- blood-pressure checks (first Thursdays, noon).

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### Flu Shots

Although the Center has not yet set a date for its annual "flu shot" day, seniors who call and leave their name and telephone number will be notified when the vaccine comes in. The shot is free if you have Medicare Part B; all others will pay \$25.

### Special Trips

The Romulus Senior Center invites local senior citizens to sign up for one or more of the following bus tours:

- **Windsor Raceway Special** (November 13; \$2),
- **Geritol Follies Christmas Show** (November 14; \$92),
- **Grand Mountaineer** (November 18–20; \$170),
- **Bay Mills** (November 25–26; \$120),
- **Niagara Falls** (December 3–4; \$350),
- **Celebrate the New Year at Myrtle Beach** (December 28–January 3; \$799),
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- **San Francisco/California Coast** (April 13–20; \$2,459), and
- **Cape May** (May 18–24; \$899).

### Club #1

Upcoming meetings of Club #1 (all at 11 a.m.) include:

- October 30 (meeting; games; bag lunch)

New faces are welcome!

### Red Hatters Throw Halloween Party

The Romulus Red Hat Society will throw a Halloween party at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30. Bring a dish to share, and dress up (for a costume contest) if you dare!

Learn more about the event at the Red Hat Society's next meeting, set for Friday, October 19. (Call for time.)

### Halloween Luncheon

The Center's Halloween luncheon – set for Friday, October 26, at 1 p.m. – will feature a costume contest, with prizes awarded for the best entry in each of three categories: "most colorful," "funniest," and "favorite."

The day's menu: "ghoulish" meatballs, "ghostly" mashed potatoes and gravy, "zombie" mixed vegetables, and "witches' brew" beverage.

Cost is \$4. Seating is limited; sign up in advance.

### "Celebrity" Bingo

Local dignitaries who will be calling Bingo for the remainder of this month include:

- 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green (October 24), and
- City Councilman John Barden (October 31).

All games begin at 1 p.m.

### Lunch Out

The Senior Center van will be traveling to the Country Buffet on October 22 at 11:30 a.m. Sign up at the Center if you would like to attend.

### Regular Programs

Be sure to check out these free or low-cost weekly programs that are offered at the Romulus Senior Center:

- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
  - bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
  - fun night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
  - game day (Thursdays, 1 p.m.),
  - quilting (Thursdays, 6 p.m.),
  - chair exercise (Fridays, call for time).
- Everyone is welcome!

### Hot Lunches

Don't forget that the Romulus Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each weekday for a suggested donation of only \$2.25. This month's menu includes beef lasagna and meatloaf.

Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation.

### Sign Up for Senior Newsletter

Want a more comprehensive list of programs and activities at the Romulus Senior Center, plus helpful tips on issues important to senior citizens? Sign up for the *Communicator*, the Center's free monthly newsletter.

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## Taylor

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### Reverse Mortgages

Kathleen Impastato of Wells Fargo will be at the Center at 11 a.m. on Monday, October 29, to give a presentation on FHA government reverse mortgages. Q&A will follow.

Make your reservation by Friday, October 26.

### Craft Day

On the first Thursday of each month, local seniors who have a craft project that they would like to finish can come to the Center and spend the day working on it in the company of like-minded friends—old and new! Next date: November 1. Call for details.

### Wood-carvers Meet

The wood-carvers group meets at the Center each Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Seniors interested in taking up this hobby – either for the first time, or again – is welcome to stop by and see what the group is all about.

### Continental Breakfast

Rivergate skilled nursing facility will be providing a complimentary continental breakfast at the Center from 9 to 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 30. Sign up by October 29 if you would like to attend.

### Check Your Blood Pressure

Stop in at the Center between 8:30 and 11 a.m. on October 25 for a free blood-pressure check.

### Sock It To 'Em!

Throughout October, RSVP is collecting *new* socks of all sizes, colors, and patterns for men, women, and children. (Colorful socks for the kids are especially appreciated!) Just drop them off in the "Sox Box" at the Center anytime this month.

### Halloween Party

Musical entertainment by Mike Wolverton and a catered dinner by Halina's will highlight the Taylor Center's upcoming Halloween Party, set for Thursday, October 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. Be sure to wear a costume!

Tickets are \$12. Sign up at the Center.

### Flu/Pneumonia Shots!

Oakwood Healthcare System will be at the Ford Senior Center to administer flu and pneumonia shots on Tuesday, October 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To make an appointment, please call 313-291-7740.

Only a limited number of shots will be available, so those without appointments will be turned away at the door.

Cost for people without Medicare is \$25 for flu shots, \$35 for pneumonia. □



# Wedding Bells

## Alec and Rachel (Perry) Hance

Congratulations to Alec and Rachel (Perry) Hance of Taylor, Michigan, who were married on Friday, September 7, 2007. The couple exchanged their wedding vows at Christ The King Lutheran Church (Southgate, MI).

Standing up with Alec were his best man, Nathan Thomas, and groomsmen Roger Chapman, Jason Schuchard, John Knutson, and Jeff Perry.

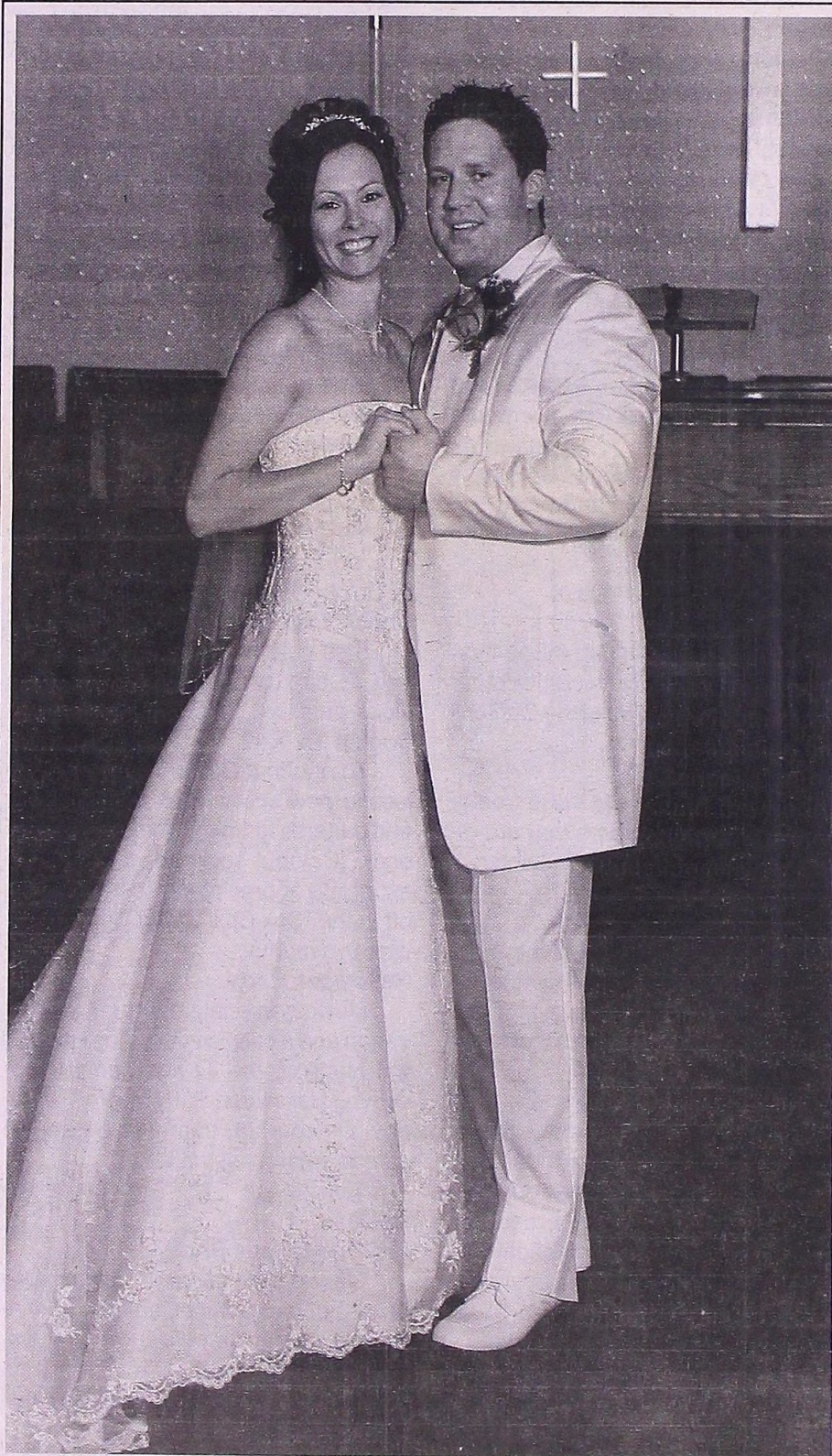
Rachel was attended by her maid of

honor, Jody Bentley, as well as bridesmaids Laura Kurth, Melanie Wilhide, Brea Klupacs, and Kaity and Kerey Christensen.

A reception at the Grecian Center (Southgate) followed the ceremony.

Alec is the son of John and Terri Hance (Romulus, MI) and Don and Krystal Dougherty (Melvindale, MI).

Rachel's parents are Rick and Cindy Perry (Taylor). □



Rachel (Perry) and Alec Hance

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Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): \_\_\_\_\_

Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.



# Obituaries

## Deborah Ann Brice

Deborah Ann Brice of Romulus, Michigan, died in her home on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at the age of 44.

The daughter of Claude Randolph and Elizabeth Ann (Thomas) Disney was born in Dearborn, Michigan, on Friday, December 28, 1962.

For many years, Deborah worked hard as the master scheduler for L & W Engineering (Belleville, MI). She enjoyed watching sports (especially baseball and football), playing cards (particularly Texas Hold 'Em), and working on her computer (especially editing pictures).

Deborah is survived by her mother (a resident of Belleville); her father-in-law, Bob Brice (Romulus); 3 sons, Randy (Belleville), Ronny (Belleville), and Ray-

mond (Romulus); her sons' father, Barry Brice (Belleville); 2 sisters, Connie Disney (Belleville) and Sharon (Albert) Gwitt, Sr. (Belleville); a nephew, Albert Gwitt, Jr. (Belleville); and many friends.

Among those who predeceased her was her father, who passed away on May 13, 1998.

A funeral service was held on Friday, October 5, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville), with Reverend Christopher Ferriss officiating. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery (Belleville).

Memorial contributions to the family to help defray funeral expenses would be greatly appreciated.

Send your condolences to the family at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

## Cassie Dawn Carreras

Cassie Dawn Carreras of Belleville, Michigan, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 2, 2007. The former resident of New Boston, Flat Rock, Romulus, and Woodhaven passed away at Harper University Hospital (Detroit, MI) at the age of 50.

A member of the Belleville Church of God, where she served as the food-bank coordinator, Cassie also did volunteer work in downtown Detroit. She was known as a very kind, generous person who would give her last dollar to help someone in need.

Cassie's interests included crocheting and, most of all, spending time with her beloved family.

She is survived by her husband, Octavio "Tito" Carreras; 2 children, Anthony Charles (Belleville) and Angelena (Michael Jr.) Harnisch (Belleville); her children's father, Louis Charles (Sumpter Township, MI); her parents, Hiram Hol-

comb (New Boston, MI) and Christine Holcomb (Brownstown Township, MI); 5 siblings, Chuck Holcomb, Virginia Massard, Liz Fink, Harry Holcomb, and Tammy Pickett; 2 grandchildren, Michael III and Amberlyn Harnisch; a niece, Heather Henderson; and a great-nephew, Roosevelt "Rosie" Henderson.

Among those who predeceased her were her son, Alex Charles (who passed away in 1999); a nephew, Shawn Holcomb; and her grandparents.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, October 4, at the Belleville Church of God. Cremains will be buried at Cadillac Memorial Gardens-West (Westland, MI). Arrangements were entrusted to David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville).

Memorial contributions to the church would be greatly appreciated.

Send your condolences to the family at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).

## Helen D. Gallien

Helen D. Gallien passed away in Pleasant Garden, North Carolina, on Monday, October 1, 2007. She was 88.

The native of Grayson County, Kentucky, was born on Wednesday, March 12, 1919. She had been employed by the City of Romulus as its finance director for 19 years and as City Treasurer for 2 years prior to her retirement.

Helen was the beloved mother of Louis "Buzz" (Lee) Gallien (Virginia

Beach, VA), Marsha (Phillip) Gilstorf (Romulus, MI), Brenda (Douglas) Whitefield (Greensboro, NC), and Rose (Richard) Keilhacker (Loudon, TN). She was the grandmother of 9, great-grandmother of 10, and great-great-grandmother of 1.

A funeral service and burial were held on Friday, October 5, in Leitchfield, Kentucky. A memorial service is being planned for March 15, 2008, at Calvary Baptist Church (Romulus, MI).

## Phyllis M. Higgins

Phyllis M. Higgins of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, at the age of 79.

"Maggie" – as she was fondly known to her loved ones – was born in Detroit, Michigan, on Monday, July 2, 1928.

Maggie enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, dancing, visiting Windsor Casino, and playing cards. She was involved in many local senior-citizen activities, served as the secretary/treasurer of the Romulus Towers Association, and was a past vice-president of the Solo-Stars Square Dancing Club.

Surviving Maggie are 2 daughters, Mary Kay (Steve) Kozma (Romulus) and Phyllis Ann (Thomas) Bolus (Rom-

ulus); 2 brothers, Thomas H. Kinner (Utica, MI) and Donald Kinner (Gladwin, MI); 2 sisters, Roberta (Frank) Sklva (Pellston, MI) and Patricia (Robert) Vandenboom (Oxford, MI); and 5 grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased her were her husband, James F. Higgins (who passed away in 1978); a son, James A. Higgins (1983); 2 brothers, Grant W. and James Kinner; and a sister, Ellen Jane Kale.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, October 13, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus). Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

## Carolyn Kowalski

Carolyn Kowalski of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Monday, October 1, 2007, after a long battle with Crohn's disease. She was 60 years old.

Carolyn was the devoted wife of Richard Kowalski; mother of Christopher Kowalski, Monica Kowalski-Boc, Philip Kowalski, Monique Kowalski-McNutt, and Simone Kowalski; grandmother of Shannan Kowalski, Oreo Boc, Princess Boc, and Honey Kowalski-Stears; and mother-in-law to Renae Kowalski, Keith Boc, James McNutt, and Billie-Jo Stears.

The family received friends at Community United Methodist Church (Romulus) on Saturday, October 6.

Cremation rites were accorded.



Carolyn Kowalski

## William L. Szalka

William L. Szalka of Walkerville, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, October 9, 2007, at the age of 89.

The native of Delray, Michigan, was born on Saturday, September 14, 1918.

William is survived by a daughter, Karen (Herman) Johnson (Ludington, MI); 2 brothers, Steve (Elizabeth) Szalka (Riverview, MI) and Joe (Eleanor) Szalka (Columbus, MO); 2 sisters, Irene Whyte (Englewood, FL) and Helen (Art) LeCroix (Englewood, FL); 9 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Among those who predeceased him were his wife, Markgaret M. (Lauria) Szalka (who passed away on July 31, 2002); 2 sons, William Jr. and James Szalka; a brother, Johnny Szalka; and 2 sisters, Mary and Betty.

A funeral service was held on Friday, October 12, at St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father

John Hedges officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Memorial contributions to the family would be appreciated. □



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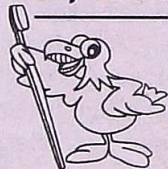
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